Infant Mortality Rate

1078. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minster of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for wide disparity in the infant mortality rate among the major States;

(b) whether there is wide disparity in the infant mortality rate within the same State, between one district and another; and

(c) if so, whether the districts with high mortality rate have been identified and brought under the various programmes to control infant mortality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Disparity in the infant mortality rate among the States can be attributed to the diversity of language, religion and culture traditions leading to different levels of socio-economic development, quality of the health services and demographic characteristics in different parts of the country.

(b) Yes Sir. The estimates of infant mortality rate, however, unlike in the case of State level estimates, are not generated through the sample registration system of Registrar General of India. These estimates are available only for 1981 through the data collected during 1981 census.

(c) All districts, including the districts with high infant mortality rate, of the country have been brought under the MCH Programme in so far as the programmes of Deptt. of Family Welfare are concerned.

Encroachment of Land

1079. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of the railway land under unauthorised occupation, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the break-up of such land, zone-wise;

(c) the areas of railway land under unauthorised occupation for which action has been initiated under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971; and

(d) the time normally taken for the eviction of unauthorised occupation under this Act and the area restored during 1991-92 upto 31 December, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposhi Line

1080. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations for conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposhi railway line and its extension upto Tatanagar-Badampohar section;

(b) if so, the action taken so far in that regard; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in implementation of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The survey carried out in 1979 for conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi (89 km) N.G. line to B.G. and extension to Dalbhumgarh/Gorumahisani on the Tatanagar-Badampahar section (42 km) has been updated in 1990-91. The project was found to be grossly unremunerative and hence could not be taken up.